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In re application of: Joachim SCHICKE

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR REPLACING CUTTING  
IMPLEMENTS IN SEVERING  
MACHINES

Customer No.



26694

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (amended) A method of replacing a first knife, which is locked in the knife holder of a severing unit that is operative to sever smoker's products, with a second knife, comprising the steps of:

automatically unlocking the first knife;  
removing the first knife from the holder; and  
introducing the second knife into the holder.

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TO: S. SCHICKE